

daily *Le Monde*, British Prime Minister John Major said the decision by Chirac was "difficult to take" and that he was sure Chirac "did it because he was persuaded he had to."

Friday's blast was about 60 kilotons, the equivalent of 60,000 tons of TNT, or three times the force of the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima.

The Australian Geological Survey said it packed the punch of a magnitude-5.6 earthquake.

Governments and environmental groups across the globe have condemned France for breaking a 1992 moratorium on nuclear tests. All nuclear powers except China had adhered to the moratorium.

The first test was conducted Sept. 5 beneath the same atoll, 750 miles southeast of Tahiti. A second blast was set off Oct. 2 beneath neighboring Fangataufa Atoll. Rioting broke out in Papeete, capital of French Polynesia, when the first bomb was detonated. The city was quiet Saturday.

ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to tell you that while listening to the excellent peroration of my colleague, the gentleman from American Samoa [Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA] about the danger to one of the most beautiful parts of the world from nuclear testing, a heartfelt report, I had prior to that listened to the special order of the distinguished gentleman from Kansas [Mr. TIAHRT]. I really appreciated the education that the gentleman gave us on the budget and why the Republican party is trying to keep its promises.

Mr. Speaker, I have missed the opportunity to engage in several different special orders over the last 2 weeks because of the rush of events. I am on two different conferences; one on national security, one on intelligence. There is so much work coming at us. But there are so many things happening in the history of our country that are worthy of discussing on this House floor, that I am going to have a compartmentalized special order and touch on several things.

First of all, I want to comment on one aspect of the debate yesterday. A statement of statistics that I made on the House floor that is so utterly tragic, I want to give the precise statistics right now.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] would yield.

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to yield to my good friend.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I just want to thank the gentleman for his kind comments. I certainly would like to submit to my colleagues that I could not have found a more perfect gentleman to travel with in the Pacific.

The gentleman is so knowledgeable also, not only of our presence there at

the time that we were at an international crisis there during World War II, but I would like to say to my good friend from California that I would enjoy the next instance and the opportunity of being with him to see how some of our soldiers and sailors fought bravely, especially during World War II. We visited Guadalcanal and other areas. I want to compliment the gentleman for his kind remarks on the floor.

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I would say thank you, ENI, and I could not think of a better person to traverse the Owen Stanley Mountain Range, on the spine of the dual countries of Irian and Papua, New Guinea. And if I had been lost, I know the gentleman would have brought me out. It was excellent also walking the battlefields of the Solomon Islands, particularly Guadalcanal with the gentleman.

AIDS DEATHS COMPARED TO DEATHS IN WORLD WAR II

Mr. Speaker, I am going to briefly refer to World War II death statistics and give the exact figures that I rounded off yesterday on the most life-threatening venereal disease in modern times. And it is a sexually transmitted venereal disease, although it is never called that because it is not politically correct, speaking of the AIDS immunodestroying virus. It is also, coincidentally because it is blood-borne virus, spread by dirty narcotics needles, which ties it into another crisis on every continent in the world now.

What I said in debate yesterday about the deaths of people in the prime of their lives, generally, to the AIDS virus finally reaching World War II statistics, and I pointed out that I had said way back in 1985 on this House Floor, I think at this other desk, when the beloved movie star, Rock Hudson, died of AIDS, I believe that was toward the end of 1985, 10 years ago this month, I think, that some day this disease, if we did not change our culture, and use preventive behavioral conduct, it was easy to project out within a decade that we would reach more deaths than died in World War II. Here are the statistics.

In World War II, we had killed in combat 291,557. I would hope for serious discussions across our country and out in INI FALEOMAVAEGA's Guam, and Hawaii, and up to Alaska, and down to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. That people, Mr. Speaker, would get a pencil and take these statistics down. It will cause some serious discussion down to high school and grade school levels about what drug use and sexual promiscuity will bring in the toll of not only lost man hours, but lives destroyed in their early years.

World War II, in the jungles, on the seas, under the seas, desert heat of North Africa, the freezing cold of the Aleutians, and all around this world; as I said in the waters surrounding every continent, the Indian Ocean, Atlantic, Pacific, North, South, Mediterranean,

American men and many nurses died to bring freedom back to the most sophisticated and educated part of the world: Europe, and the bigger cities of Asia. Mr. Speaker, 291,557 Gold Star mothers, widows, children never to know their heroic parent.

We have now passed that with death by AIDS by a large margin. It not only passed it during the last quarter; it went way past it. Dead by AIDS: 308,417. That is 17,000 more than died in World War II in combat. Broken down, tragically by children, it is stunning. Children: 3,812 children dead, most of them because their mother used narcotics or slept around before or during the pregnancy.

Children still alive with AIDS, I am not discussing anybody who is infected with HIV and has not manifested, medically, AIDS. Children with AIDS dying right now: 2,966. Mr. Speaker, 57 percent of the children infected are already dead.

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That is under 12, not 12, 11 and under, excuse me, 12 and under—6,777, 12 and under dying or dead, unbelievable. The adult figure, those that have AIDS and are suffering now, 184,880. When I first came back to this Congress, after a 2-year break in service, came back, instead of Los Angeles County, West Los Angeles, Orange County, the third largest county in California from the first largest county, when I came back in 1985, this was just still taking off. And I pointed out then that without massive behavioral changes, without a concerted effort by those people who understand what is meant by faith and family, an effort to discourage sex outside of marriage, hetero or homosexual sex, that we would be facing statistics that would make Legionnaire's disease look like a tiny little medical blip or tragedy. In those days the death toll was in the hundreds. Of course, Legionnaire's disease was in the thirties. Since then tuberculosis has come back with a punch because it has been augmented by the virus problem with AIDS, because it is an opportunistic disease that will hit people who are HIV positive with their immune system always going into a weaker and weaker and weaker situation.

Let me give you the adult statistics, reported 489,485. Already dead adults, 304,605. That is a 62 percent death rate for adults. I repeat, 56 percent death rate for children. So there it is. Total number of AIDS cases dead or dying, 496,263.

If you take our World War II killed in action figure, 291,557, and add all the noncombat deaths, the billions killed in the Philippines when they were attacked by the Japanese warlords, innocent people killed, caught up by combat all around, American citizens, not the 55 million killed by Hitler, Tojo, and Mussolini by starting this worst war in all of history, our noncombat American deaths, 113,842.

I have not added those together. It is 405,399 Americans dead, killed in action, noncombat, and we are already now in AIDS cases pressing 500,000. Two years from now, in many cases in only 6 months, in all cases within 5 years, we will have added 100,000 more to the death toll, and it will have passed all deaths from World War II, just within the next few months, already passed the combat deaths. What a tragedy that more candidates other than myself and Alan Keyes are not discussing the moral crisis and meltdown we have.

When we come back into session next Tuesday night, Mr. Speaker, for votes at 6:00, it will be Tuesday November 7. The date of the Presidential election next year is November 5. I have a countdown watch quite seriously to remind me of that date every day, several times during the day. It is only 445 days to the inauguration of hopefully a new President. But it is 76 days in the interregnum from the election on November 5 to January 20, 1997.

So let us just talk about the election. We will be inside the Presidential election year by 2 days after I am through speaking when this House next convenes. It is a leap year, so there will be 364 days left to the election.

Now, have we gotten into a serious discussion, a debate between the 10 Republican candidates, that is with the two millionaire CEO's involve, Mr. Morey Taylor and Steve Forbes, good men both, with the eight millionaires and the two of us who are nonmillionaires, Alan Keyes and myself, have we had a chance to exchange one question between one another? No, we have not. Every Presidential forum has been a job interview, put your best foot forward, try to be gentle to the other candidates. Most of us are except one. When you are running No. 2, it is tempting I guess to try and tear down No. 1. But we have not had an exchange.

I hope that will come up on the 17th and 18th in mid-Florida in Orlando with what Jeb Bush, the organizer of it, has proudly called Presidential 3. Maybe we will get to exchange questions. And maybe I can get some of my worthy competitors, the other nine, to answer some of the questions that they are all asking Colin Powell to answer. And foremost among those questions, and I have the 22 that I proposed in the well last evening, and I finally have here the 22 questions that George Will proposed, I am going to put all 44 in the RECORD, but let me first ask five questions of our leader in the Senate, which will take me into a heart-breaking situation that I have just learned about this week and discussed in depth in the Rayburn Room just off the Democratic cloakroom. It involves our missing in action.

There are five items in the Republican conference bills for Chairman BEN GILMAN's Committee on International Relations, authorization and/or appropriations bills, and for the Committee on National Security, formerly known as the Armed Services

Committee, in our authorization and appropriations bills that are now in the hands of the Republican majority in the Senate. And its leader is the leading Presidential candidates. In most general polling in our 50 States, ROBERT DOLE has more percentage points, now that we are almost within a few days of being inside the election year itself, he has got more points than all the rest of the other nine put together. So I propose, Mr. Speaker, through you to my good friend, and he knows I admire him, Mr. DOLE, the five following questions:

One, when are you going to crack the whip, use your whip—my pal, who I served with for a decade in the House here, Mr. TRENT LOTT, Senator LOTT of Mississippi—when are you going to crack the whip, use your leadership powers to resolve the Ben Gilman-Bob Dornan-Floyd Spence language on the missing in action, missing persons office under the secretary of defense, the POW missing in action, secretary of defense office for missing persons, military persons? When will that be resolved so that we do not have a repeat of the agonizing situation I am about to discuss that is before me, involving a funeral, a forced funeral next Wednesday of an air crewman from an AC-130 Hercules Spectra gunship. So, Mr. Leader, in the Senate, through you, Mr. Speaker, I ask for action on this.

Item No. 2 in BEN GILMAN's bills are words from our Contract With America that I wrote together with Congressman JOHN DOOLITTLE of northern California, no U.S. soldiers, Marines or pilots under foreign officers, under U.N. command or any other command unless there is a ratified treaty such as NATO where we have trained together, in the case of NATO it is almost half a century, a few years shy of half a century of training together, no U.S. troops under U.N. command, and we will not have the nightmare of E-5 specialist Michael Nu who has no recollection of ever raising his right hand and swearing to uphold any Constitution other than the one written by James Madison and worked over and perfected in this very Congress 200 years ago and the other body. He has no recollection. Senator, has anybody in the United States military ever been asked under oath to defend the U.N. charter, let alone to wear regalia or insignia of any other military force in Bosnia or anywhere else?

I want to know what is the status of that, Mr. Speaker, what is our leader doing to nail that down in the next few days? We were supposed to have adjourned a month ago. A year from now we will have been adjourned from an election, on or about October 1st. So there is only 11 months left, no matter what, before we all go home for at least a month to campaign for the 1996 election.

No. 3, in Mr. GILMAN's legislation, authorization/appropriations, again I was one of the authors of this, together with a freshman, BOB BARR of Georgia,

we only had one speaker on the Floor, probably the preeminent hero, military hero in this Chamber, SAM JOHNSON of Texas spoke about no money for the normalization of any relations with Hanoi until we have resolved lots of remaining agonizing missing in action cases.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NETHERCUTT). The Chair reminds Members that it is not in order in debate to specifically urge the Senate to take a certain action or to characterize Senate inaction.

Mr. DORNAN. I knew that, Mr. Speaker, and it had slipped my mind.

Then it is up to this Congress, both Chambers, to resolve in conference that no money for normalization with Hanoi, passed unanimously by voice vote in this Chamber with only Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Dallas, TX retired Air Force Colonel, 7-year prisoner in Hanoi, speaking for 2½ minutes. One objection from the other side by a fellow POW who had not undergone the severe torture and solitary confinement that a senior officer like Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas had undergone, and he only spoke for less than half a minute and said, I object, but did not call for a vote. That sits over on the Senate, that sits now in conference. The House is standing on its position.

No. 4, we have passed my language on no abortion in military hospitals, not once, Mr. Speaker, not twice or 3 or 4 or 5, 6 times in this House, on authorization bills and appropriation bills, we have voted to protect the Dornan language on no abortions in military hospitals without a single military doctor, male or female, Navy, they covered the Marine Corps also, Army or Air Force, Pacific or Europe, Mediterranean, nowhere in the world has a doctor written to me as the chairman of military personnel and said, I want to perform abortions in the military. As a matter of hard fact, I fought this through subcommittee and full committee and sustained in debate my own language through six House recorded votes. I did this at the behest of men and women who wear the uniform of our services, who are medically trained doctors, and who are ob/gyn doctors that told me that in the military they defend life, they do not take life.

That vote yesterday, again, I keep track of my own particular religious denomination, 41 people, Mr. Speaker, who put Roman Catholic after their name in their official congressional biographies, mercifully only 4 Republican Catholics and 37 on the other side of the aisle who put Catholic in their biography voted against stopping the killing by sucking out the brain tissue of a fully formed late stage fetus child after it is fully brought down the birth canal except for the head, and they